

THAT WHICH IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A storage cabinet comprising:

5 a container having a floor, upright side walls and a rear wall attached to and extending upwardly from said floor, and a ceiling attached to said side walls and rear wall, said floor, side walls, rear wall, and ceiling defining a storage cavity;

a vertical support member extending upwardly from said floor;

10 at least one door pivotally attached to one of said side walls and movable between an open position, in which said cavity is accessible from a position forward thereof, and a closed position, in which said door contacts said support member and prevents access to said cavity from a position forward thereof; and

15 a latching mechanism attached to said support member, said latching mechanism including two release members protruding forwardly from said support member, an upper one of said release members being positioned above a lower one of said release members, said release members being movable in unison from a latched position, in which said latching mechanism latches said door in the closed position, and an unlatched position, in which said latching mechanism allows said door to move to the open position.

20 2. The storage cabinet defined in Claim 1, wherein said release members move substantially vertically when moving between the latched and the unlatched positions.

25 3. The storage cabinet defined in Claim 1, wherein said at least one door includes a hook, and wherein said latching mechanism includes a pin adapted to receive said hook, said pin being attached to said latching mechanism such that said pin moves in unison with said release members.

30 4. The storage cabinet defined in Claim 1, further comprising a locking system mounted on said support member, said locking system preventing

movement of said latching mechanism to the unlatched position.

5 5. The storage cabinet defined in Claim 3, wherein said latching mechanism includes a generally vertically disposed post, said post being slidably mounted on said support member and attached to said pin and said release members.

10 6. The storage cabinet defined in Claim 1, wherein said upper release member is mounted between about 48 and 72 inches above a surface underlying said cabinet, and wherein said lower release member is mounted between about 3 and 24 inches above the underlying surface.

15 7. The storage cabinet defined in Claim 1, wherein said latching mechanism includes a biasing unit that biases the latching mechanism toward the latched position.

 8. The storage cabinet defined in Claim 7, wherein said biasing unit comprises a spring attached to said post.

20 9. The storage cabinet defined in Claim 7, wherein said biasing unit biases the latching mechanism upwardly.

25 10. The storage cabinet defined in Claim 1, further comprising a pin guide attached to said support member, wherein said pin guide includes a tapered aperture that receives said pin.

30 11. The storage cabinet defined in Claim 5, wherein said post includes a lock notch, and wherein said locking mechanism includes a pocket for housing a padlock having a shackle movable between a locked and an unlocked condition, said pocket being configured and positioned such that said padlock engages said

lock notch when said padlock is in a locked condition.

12. The storage cabinet defined in Claim 1, wherein said at least one door comprises two doors pivotally interconnected with respective opposite side walls, and wherein each of said doors includes a front panel that is forwardly spaced apart from said support member.

13. The storage cabinet defined in Claim 12, wherein said upper and lower release members are of a length such that neither of said upper and lower release members protrudes forwardly beyond said front panels of said doors.

14. The storage cabinet defined in Claim 1, wherein said at least one door includes a front panel and a rearwardly-extending handle panel, said handle panel extending between about 2 and 8 inches rearwardly from said front panel.

15. The storage cabinet defined in Claim 14, wherein said at least one door includes at least one horizontally disposed shelf attached to a rearward surface of said front panel.

16. A bolster assembly for a storage cabinet, comprising:
a lower channel having a horizontally-disposed floor and opposed upright side walls;
a front bracket having a horizontally-disposed floor and an upright front wall, said front bracket floor being attached to and overlying a front portion of said lower channel floor;
a rear bracket having a horizontally-disposed floor and an upright rear wall, said rear bracket floor being attached to and overlying a rear portion of said lower channel floor;
a front castor attached to and underlying said front portion of said lower channel; and

channel; and

a rear castor attached to and underlying said rear portion of said lower channel.

5 17. The bolster assembly defined in Claim 16, wherein said front bracket further comprises an upright rear wall and said rear bracket further comprises an upright front wall.

10 18. The bolster assembly defined in Claim 16, wherein said lower channel comprises a unitary sheet metal member, said front bracket comprises a unitary sheet metal member, and said rear bracket comprises a unitary sheet metal member.

15 19. A storage cabinet comprising:
a container having a floor, upright side walls and a rear wall attached to and extending upwardly from said floor, and a ceiling attached to said side walls and rear wall, said floor, side walls, rear wall, and ceiling defining a storage cavity;
a vertical support member extending upwardly from said floor;
at least one door pivotally attached to one of said side walls and movable
20 between an open position, in which said cavity is accessible from a position forward thereof, and a closed position, in which said door contacts said support member and prevents access to said cavity from a position forward thereof; and
a latching mechanism attached to said support member, said latching mechanism including at least one release member protruding forwardly from said
25 support member and being movable from a latched position, in which said latching mechanism latches said door in the closed position, and an unlatched position, in which said latching mechanism allows said door to move to the open position;
wherein said latching mechanism includes a generally vertically disposed post, said post being slidably mounted on said support member for vertical
30 movement relative thereto, said post being attached to said at least one release

biases the latching mechanism toward the latched position.

5 20. The storage cabinet defined in Claim 19, wherein said at least one release member comprises an upper release member and a lower release member positioned below said upper release member, said upper and lower release members being movable in unison between the latched position and the unlatched position.

10 21. The storage cabinet defined in Claim 20, wherein said upper release member is mounted between about 48 and 72 inches above a surface underlying said cabinet, and wherein said lower release member is mounted between about 3 and 24 inches above the underlying surface.